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1. EMB FAILED TO UNDERSTAND NEED FOR BATF VISIT MONTERREY REPORTED REF A SINCE BATF AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WERE IN MONTERREY DURING JUNE (REF B), AND AS RECENTLY AS JULY 12 AND 13 CUSTOMS OFFICIALS FROM THIS EMBASSY WERE IN MONTERREY FOR APPARENTLY THE SAME PURPOSE (REF C), TO OBTAIN INFO ON US-MANUFACTURES WEAPONS SEIZED IN MEXICO.

2. NEVERTHELESS, EMB DECIDED NOT TO INTERFERE WITH BATF MEETING WITH GOM OFFICIALS IN MONTERREY ON JULY 23-24 TO PRE-CLUDE EMBARRASSMENT TO ANY OR ALL OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

3. HOWEVER, EMB WOULD REMIND THAT PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED IN 1974 (REF D) IN MEETINGS WITH THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL AND
HIS STAFF ATTENDED BY OFFICIALS FROM TREASURY, BATF, AND CUSTOMS PROVIDED THAT CUSTOMS ATTACHE, MEXICO CITY,
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WOULD BE OFFICIAL POINT OF CONTACT WITH ATTORNEY

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GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR EXCHANGE OF INFO CONCERNING
ILLEGAL ARMS TRAFFIC. ATTORNEY'S GENERAL'S
OFFICE, WHICH HAS JURISDICTION IN SUCH MATTERS, AGREED
TO COLLECT AND SHARE INFO ON GUN SEIZURES IN
COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO REDUCE ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS.

4. EMB HEREBY REQUESTS THAT ALL PARTIES ADHERE TO
THAT PROCEDURE UNLESS AND UNTIL WE HAVE AGREED UPON SOME
NEW PROCEDURE WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, RESPONSIBLE
GOM AUTHORITY.

5. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT ANY INVIATIONS
RECEIVED BY BATF FROM MEXICAN AUTHORITIES BE REFERRED
TO CUSTOMS ATTACHE AT THIS EMBASSY FOR ACTION.

6. IF THERE ARE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PROMPT
TREASURY TO REQUEST IN-COUNTRY VISITS BY BATF PERSONNEL,
EMBASSY'S CONCURRENCE SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED AND
REQUEST FOR COUNTRY CLEARANCE SHOULD BE MADE AS FAR IN
ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE OF ANY PRPOSED VISIT. REQUEST
SHOULD ALSO CONTAIN JUSTIFICATION FOR VISIT TO
PERMIT EMBASSY TO DETERMINE ITS ADVISABILITY.
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